



GRANT RECIPIENT
SAVE THE DUNES

YEAR
2010

COUNTY
LAKE, PORTER, LAPORTE

CATEGORY
EDUCATION/OUTREACH

GRANT AWARD
\$38,500

LOCAL SHARE
\$38,500



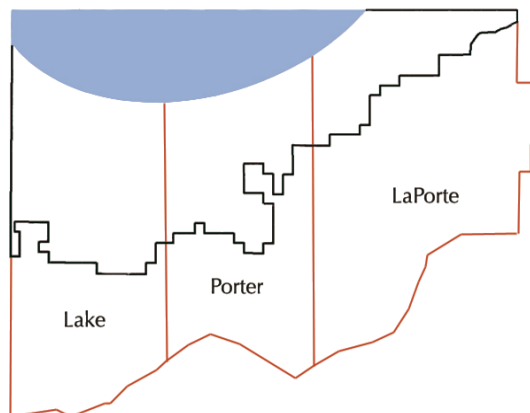
Protecting and Restoring Great Lakes Biodiversity

Save The Dunes has been actively managing the Leave No Child Inside Program (LNCI) in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties. The organization has connected over one thousand children with nature by providing outdoor educational experiences in the Lake Michigan Watershed. The "Protecting and Restoring Great Lakes Biodiversity" project has built upon existing partnerships and implemented LNCI curriculum developed by the IDNR Education Center (Project Wet, Hoosier Riverwatch, etc.). Partners in this project include LaPorte County Soil and Water Conservation District, Michigan City Sanitary District, and IDNR. The partners have helped Save the Dunes provide a wide variety of quality outdoor programs.

The project has helped Save the Dunes expand the number of active partnerships in the coastal region. A series of programs has been provided to at least 6 different schools, groups, and organizations in the Lake Michigan Coastal area to utilize Save the Dunes properties and local parks to teach children about biodiversity and its importance. Providing hands-on stewardship activities also gives children a sense of accomplishment and shows them how they can make a difference in their local environment and become stewards and supporters of Great Lakes biodiversity.



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RESULT: Providing children with experience in hands-on stewardship and educating them about Great Lakes biodiversity.